(B) One Homoeopathic unit each at Ghaziabad, Pitam Pura and NOIDA under Delhi, Jabalpur, Madras, Bombay, Trivan- drum, Guwahati, Calcutta and Hyderabad.

(C) One Unani Unit each at Vivek Vihar, Delhi and Jaipur.

(D) One Siddha Unit at Madras.

(d) No, Sir. It is not a fact as the funds are allocated at the time of approval for setting up of CGHS dispensaries.

Banning of Cigarette Manufacturing

1732. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several foreign cigarette manufacturing companies are promoting their products in India; and

(b) if so, what steps Govenment have taken to ban such products which are a health hazard for India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Tenth Lok Sabha) in its 22nd Report had made several recommendations primarily intended to discourage the use of tobacco & tobacco products. The Government is examining these recommendations and the draft legislation is under consideration of the Government.

Medicinal Properties of Rudraksh

†1733. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:
DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a lot of work done on the medicinal properties of Rudraksh by a Senior Officer of Government of India, Concluding that a person can get relief from the body pain by the positive energy emitting from Rudraksh, and high and low blood pressure can be controlled easily and it has been used for cancer and leprosy;

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(b) if so, the view of Government on the aforesaid matter;

(c) whether work in this regard has also been done in laboratories; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM): The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and the Indian Council for Medical Research have indicated that they do not have information on research done on the subject.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Subsistence Allowance to Suspended Officials of DGHS

1734. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that officials of the Medical Stores Organisation of DGHS, who were suspended in Tihar Jail case are being denied subsistence allowance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the officials responsible for this discrepancy and the steps being taken to immediately restore payment of subsistence allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No. the Officials of Medical Store Organisation of DGHS, suspended in Tihar Jail case have been sanctioned/ paid subsistence allowance

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Allocation for National Health Schemes

1735. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total item-wise amount allotted to Government by World Bank and UNICEF for the national health schemes, as per the latest position;

(b) whether the said amount has been fully utilised during the last one year;

(c) if so, the latest details of amounts distributed, State-wise; and

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